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TAXI VERDICT IN HALIFAX

Council set to debate Mason's motion on licensing



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Less than a week after the taxi driver was acquitted of sexual assault in a controversial decision, Halifax regional council is set to debate the process that reinstated Bassam Al-Rawi's licence in 2015.

Council will debate a motion at its meeting Tuesday from Coun. Wayne Mason to ask for a staff report with "options, recommendations and best practices" regarding changing the way council manages licensing appeals. That report would include changing the Appeals Standing Committee's responsibilities and transferring the responsibility to a new tribunal of lawyers and people with licensing experience.

The motion also asks for the staff report to consider "strengthening standards of conduct" in the municipality's taxi bylaw, and requesting the mayor write to the province to ask whether the Utility and Review Board could take over licence review.

"It is important that the public both know and feel the taxi system in HRM is safe," Mason wrote on his website.

"The administration and oversight of licensing appeals, including taxi (licences), is technically difficult and beyond the training

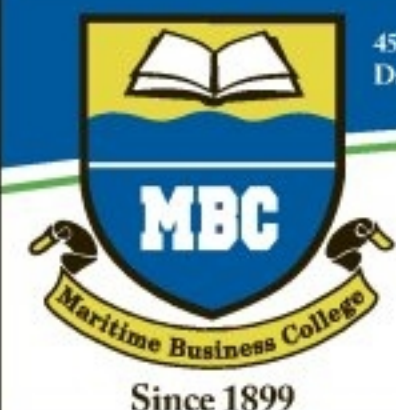
and experience of most Councillors."

Coun. Matt Whitman said he's pleased to support the motion. "It will help committee members in the future when potentially very controversial legal appeals would typically come to councillors for review," he said in a text message.

Whitman was chair of the committee in 2015 when it voted

unanimously to reinstate Al-Rawi's licence, though Al-Rawi never submitted the proper paperwork to actually drive again. He said that decision was based on "2015 information provided at that time.... Not 2017 evidence now known to the public via media (and) social media."

"I'm as outraged by the (judge's) comments as others," he said.



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TAXI VERDICT IN HALIFAX

A voice to the outrage

DEMONSTRATION

Protest against Judge Lenehan expected to draw big crowd



Yvette d'Entremont
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"You can feel the outrage in the city."

That's what Chrissy Merrigan said about why she became involved in co-organizing a march expected to draw hundreds to downtown Halifax on Tuesday afternoon.

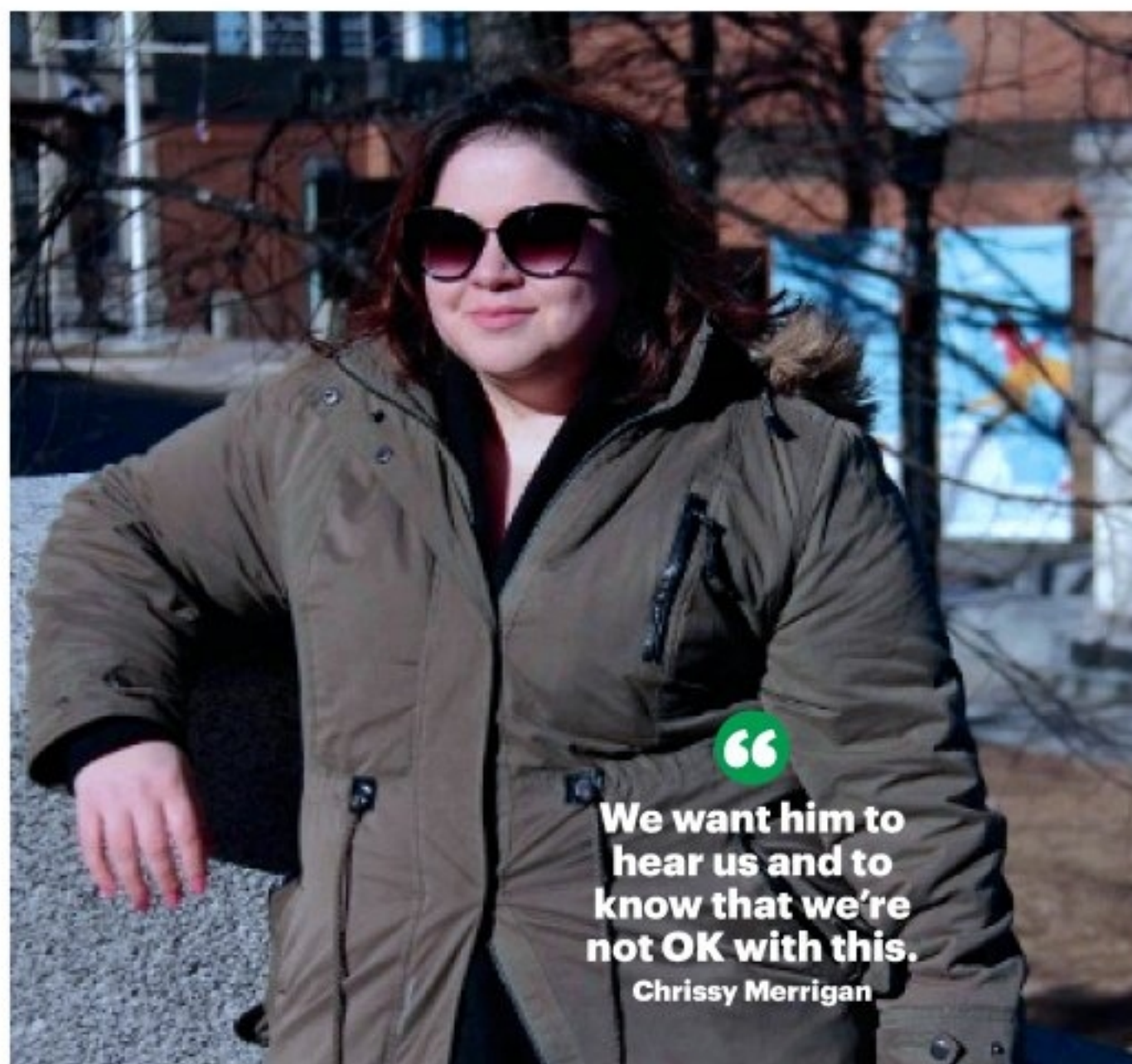
The event was created to protest Judge Gregory Lenehan's comments, including "clearly a drunk can consent," in acquitting cab driver Bassam Al-Rawi of sexual assault last Wednesday.

"You could feel the outrage the next day walking into the office, and everywhere. It's all that anybody could talk about," Merrigan said.

More than 1,000 people have committed on Facebook to attending, with more than 2,400 expressing interest. Although that doesn't mean those numbers will hit the streets, Merrigan said the quick and overwhelming response shows people are frustrated.

"There's a lot of rawness and pain right now.... We're working towards removing rape culture from our society and this sort of highlighted it," she said.

"This ... reminded us that it's not gone and that it is prevalent and that victims are still marginalized and not encouraged to come forward because things like this happen."



"We want him to hear us and to know that we're not OK with this."
Chrissy Merrigan

Chrissy Merrigan is co-organizing a protest against Judge Gregory Lenehan on Tuesday starting at Grand Parade and marching to Halifax provincial court. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

The protest begins at Halifax Grand Parade at 3 p.m. where a range of speakers will address the crowd before people march to the Spring Garden Road courthouse.

"We will assemble peacefully at the old library on the lawn, and Judge Lenehan is actually sitting that day so we're hoping he literally hears us through the windows or when he's sneaking out to his car," Merrigan said.

"We want him to hear us and to know that we're not OK with this."

Organizers want the Crown to appeal Lenehan's ruling, and want an investigation into his handling of the case.

They opted to organize the protest during work hours to make a point.

"We need to make noise during the day when people are downtown.... We really wanted the people who are in the

courthouse and the people in the system to know that we are upset," Merrigan said.

"After 5 o'clock they're gone home, they're making dinner with their families, they're not there to see it, and that's who needs to make the change."

Merrigan said they're doing their best to ensure a safe space for everyone who attends, and will have people on site if anyone feels triggered.

Halifax Regional Police

+ APPEAL

Any appeal to be based on law, not protests: Crown

A spokeswoman for Nova Scotia's prosecutors says any appeal of the acquittal of a Halifax cabbie charged with sexual assault will be on the basis of legal errors, not public protests.

Judge Gregory Lenehan found 40-year-old Bassam Al-Rawi not guilty last Wednesday. Prosecution spokeswoman Chris Hansen says the Crown attorney in the case is reviewing the decision, and will make a recommendation that will be further considered by the senior Crown in the region and the prosecution service's appeal lawyers.

Hansen says prosecutors are aware of the "public angst," but she adds the decision will be based on a careful analysis of the law involved and the lawyers will take the time required.

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spokesperson Const. Cindy Bayers confirmed Monday that police are aware of the event and are working with organizers.

Merrigan says she's also looking forward to a second event scheduled for Wednesday at Halifax Grand Parade from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.

"They're going to have a howling portion of it where we can scream and I need to scream. I cannot wait. You'll hear me," she said.

Calls for removal 'unfounded'



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Criminal lawyers in Nova Scotia say the public criticism around Judge Gregory Lenehan's taxi acquittal is "unfounded."

On Monday, the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers Association (NSCLA) made a statement on Lenehan's decision to acquit taxi driver Bassam Al-Rawi, which he said hinged on the Crown not being able to prove the passenger's "lack of consent" despite her high intoxication level.

The NSCLA said the public should be free to disagree with any judicial decision, but added that judges must consider whether the Crown has met the burden of proof, and if reasonable doubt exists they must acquit "even when it would be publicly unpopular" or they're convinced of "probable guilt."

A significant amount of criticism has been directed at Lenehan's impartiality, competence, and his qualifications, the release said, while many have referenced "unrelated, and irrelevant" cases he's decided, or called for his removal as judge.

"This type of criticism is unfounded and undermines the discussion that is needed to address the prevention of sexual assault," the NSCLA said, adding if there's been an "error of law" or unreasonable verdict, the case should be appealed.

Lenehan is "always respectful to complainants, accused people, and witnesses," the release said, and "Most importantly, he is fair. He is the type of person that any reasonable, informed member of the public should want as a Judge."

+ COMPLAINT

Associate judge overseeing complaint

On Monday, a spokesperson for the judiciary said Associate Chief Judge Alan Tufts will oversee the complaint process in the Chief Judge's place. At least one complaint was received last week that warranted a review.

review of the judge.

Craggs says an alarming amount of the discussion has "perpetrated the grotesque stereotype" that Al-Rawi's Arab background "mean he is the type of person to sexually assault a vulnerable person."

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Lawyer says acquitted cab driver unfairly attacked

The defence lawyer for a Halifax cabbie who was acquitted of sexual assault in a decision that has drawn a storm of public criticism says his client is an innocent man who is being pilloried unfairly and racially stereotyped.

Luke Craggs says in an

emailed news release that his client, 40-year-old Bassam Al-Rawi, was found not guilty by Judge Gregory Lenehan for legitimate reasons, including a lack of forensic evidence of sexual activity.

Al-Rawi was charged after

police found the woman, in her 20s, intoxicated, unconscious and partially naked in his car in the early hours of May 23, 2015.

A police constable testified during the trial that she saw Al-Rawi shoving the woman's pants and underwear between

the front seats during the arrest.

The judge's not guilty ruling, which relied heavily on the Crown's lack of evidence on whether the woman consented, has prompted plans for public protests and set off calls for a judicial council

TAXI VERDICT IN HALIFAX

Proper training essential for judges

Change will only happen when leaders step up

HALIFAX MATTERS

Tristan Cleveland



How are we supposed to solve a problem politicians won't talk about?

In response to Judge Lenehan's shocking acquittal of a taxi driver for sexual assault last week, Premier Stephen McNeil has said nothing. Justice Minister Diana Whalen says they are "considering options."

Prime Minister Trudeau says they have "work to do." What we haven't heard is a decisive commitment to structural reform to stop the slew of disgraceful sexual assault decisions in the news

recently.

It's generally appropriate for politicians to defer to judges on legal matters, but when cases highlight systemic problems, it's up to our political leaders to name the issues and commit to fixing them.

Our prime minister and premier can and should state clearly that rules must be put in place to ensure judges are adequately trained to give sexual assault victims fair trials. Judge Gregory Lenehan appears to have

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thought that a person must be unconscious to be legally considered too incapacitated to give consent. That's simply not true.

Rona Ambrose, interim leader of the Conservative Party, has put forward legislation to require exactly this kind of training for all judges.

Trudeau should work with the opposition to pass this bill.



Protesters outside a court in Toronto in May last year during former CBC host Jian Ghomeshi's trial on sexual assault charges. Dalhousie law professor Wayne McKay has proposed creating a court specialized in sexual assault cases, as in Britain and several U.S. states. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dalhousie law professor Wayne McKay proposes we do one better and create a court specialized in sexual assault cases, as has been done in the United Kingdom and several states in the

United States. That way, lawyers, prosecutors and judges involved could all have consistent experience in sexual assault law.

They could also have greater "skills and training

in not retraumatizing the victim." That's crucial. Not only is it difficult to convict in sexual assault cases, the experience of the trials is often terrible. As a result, the rate of women who re-

port sexual assaults to police has dropped by more than half since its peak in 1992, according to the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Nationally, only eight per cent of these crimes are reported.

Of the sexual assault cases reported to police in Halifax, 27 per cent led to charges, compared to 40 per cent for other violent crimes. When you add in the conviction rate, only a fraction of a fraction of a fraction of people who commit sexual assaults face legal consequences.

Meanwhile, 100 per cent of sexually assaulted women live with the consequences.

Women need to be able to walk on our streets and use our taxis knowing the legal system has their back.

Councillor Wayne Mason has done the right thing by taking action to tighten the licensing system for taxi drivers in Halifax. That's a start. Mayor Mike Savage and Halifax regional council should also call on their provincial and federal counterparts to ensure our legal system stops failing women, because we live with the outcomes of impunity right here on our streets.

REACTION

Premier continues to remain silent on Lenehan's ruling



Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

Metro Halifax reached out for a second time to Premier Stephen McNeil for comment regarding Judge Gregory Lenehan's decision on Monday but

was told he wasn't available for comment.

"The premier is in his constituency today with a very tight schedule," David Jackson, spokesperson for the premier, said in an email to Metro.

Metro also reached out to the premier Friday and was

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We quite clearly believe and know a drunk 'yes' is a big no.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard

told by Jackson he wasn't available.

On Monday, Community Services Minister Joanne

Bernard did speak and told Metro she couldn't say what her government's stance was on the controversial ruling.

"The premier or minister of justice would be the appropriate spokesperson for that," she replied.

Bernard did reiterate public comments she made last week following the judge's decision.

She said the comments made by Lenehan "undermine

a lot of work that has been going on here around consent and alcohol use."

"We quite clearly believe and know a drunk 'yes' is a big no," she said.

"That needs to be the message in all aspects of society, both inside government and outside government."

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COURTS

Sleeping woman sexually assaulted

A Halifax-area man has been convicted of sexually assaulting a sleeping woman, in a case likely to add to the growing discourse over sexual consent.

Robert Shawn Burton of Lower Sackville, N.S., told Nova Scotia Supreme Court that he and the woman were engaged in consensual foreplay, and when sexual intercourse began, he stopped when she asked what he was doing.

The complainant testified there was no consent to any sex acts, telling the court she was asleep when the intercourse started early on Feb. 3, 2014.

Justice Joshua Arnold, in a written decision released Monday, said Burton's version of events was not credible, largely based on a series of text messages Burton sent to the victim after the crime.

In the texts, Burton apologized for his behaviour and did not deny the woman's allegation, also spelled out in a series of texts.

The assault happened in Burton's bed after a party with friends that included drinking, smoking marijuana and snorting a white powder thought to be an illegal drug.

"(She) was asleep when she awoke to find Burton having sex with her," the judge's decision says. "A sleeping person

cannot consent to sex. It is therefore illegal to have sex with someone while they are asleep. Burton did not have an honest but mistaken belief that (she) was consenting as he knew she was asleep when he had sex with her."

In one of Burton's texts after the assault, he says: "I feel (very badly) about last night ... so out of line ... so sorry."

In another message, Burton says: "I have not stopped thinking about how you must feel ... feel so low right now ... so sorry."

The judge said Burton's testimony during his trial in December and January was tailored to defeat the woman's allegations and did not make

sense when compared with the text messages.

The trial also heard that the woman often used sleeping pills to cope with insomnia,

something the judge said Burton was well aware of.

"Whether or not Burton saw (her) take her pills that evening, he was aware that she used sleeping pills and that she fell into a very deep sleep," the judge said. "I am convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that (she) was under the influence of sleeping pills and was asleep when Burton had sex with her."

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A sleeping person cannot consent to sex.

Justice Joshua Arnold

CRIME

Second arrest in 2016 shooting case



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

Police have made a second arrest in relation to a shooting that occurred in Clayton Park one year ago.

In a media release, Halifax Regional Police said that at about 2 a.m. on March 6, 2016, they responded to a report from a man saying he had been shot inside a residence on Parkland Drive in Halifax.

Upon arrival, a 60-year-old man was found suffering from a gunshot wound. He was treated at the scene by paramedics and transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The area was searched for suspects but police said none were located. The matter is not considered a random act.

The victim died on July 8,

2016. However, on Jan. 13, 2017, the medical examiner determined his death was not a result of the injuries sustained from the shooting and it is not considered suspicious.

At 5:45 p.m. on Sunday, a 16-year-old male from Dartmouth was arrested at the Nova Scotia Youth Facility in Waterville.

He has been charged with attempted murder, conspiracy to commit robbery, discharging a weapon and other weapons-related offences. He also faces two counts of breaching a probation order and one count of breaching a weapons prohibition order.

+ CHARGED

Terrance Treshon Brooks, 19, of Cole Harbour was charged on Feb. 1 in relation to the shooting.



19 Milsom St. in Halifax is on the market for \$1,079,000. COURTESY REMAX

Bang for your buck in housing market

REPORT

Homes getting bigger here and shrinking across Canada



Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

What would you do with \$1 million? If you're in Halifax, maybe you should buy a house.

Royal LePage released a report on the value Canadians get with a million dollars in the two-storey property market nationwide, and Halifax is in good standing.

The report looked at seven major cities and compared the pricing of million-dollar homes to the square footage of both living space and land to work out the best value.

Looking at housing in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax, Halifax was the only city

not to have a size drop.

Although house shoppers in Winnipeg will get more bang for their buck with the average million-dollar home coming with four bedrooms and bathrooms and 3,505 sq. ft. of living space, Halifax is the only city across Canada where million-dollar homes have actually gotten bigger in the last decade.

In 2007, the average square footage of a million-dollar home in Halifax was 3,154 sq. ft., but in 2017, that increased to 3,316 sq. ft. on average. The other six cities all experienced drops in size.

Even Winnipeg, which took the top spot for value in the report, had a significant drop in the last decade from 4,400 sq. ft.

3,316

The amount of square feet on average you get with \$1 million in Halifax.

Little value in Vancouver

Meanwhile, the housing market on the other side of the country continues to crumble, with million-dollar homes averaging two bedrooms and washrooms and 1,229 sq. ft. of living space.

The golden example below is listed at \$910,000, is located minutes away from downtown Vancouver, has five bedrooms, three baths and a possible basement apartment, some work needed.

The description boasts it as "the lowest priced detached home in Vancouver's Eastside for under \$1 million" and notes it is only steps from various shops and a No Frills grocery store.



435 McLean Dr. in Vancouver, left, is on the market for \$910,000. Compare it with 6169 Regina Ter. in Halifax, on the market for \$1,195,000. CONTRIBUTED/REALTOR.CA: CONTRIBUTED/REMAX

MOUNCE MANSION

Manor sale may spike property interest

A historic manor in rural Nova Scotia that captivated social-media users with its ornate finishes and rustic charm has sold over asking — and it may have coattails for other well-priced prestige properties in the province.

The 107-year-old Mounce Mansion in Newport Landing was listed last month at \$434,900 and sold for \$455,000, though the deal has not yet been closed.

Wanda Graves of Eastern

Valley Real Estate said Monday she was stunned the home attracted so much attention, with dozens of inquiries coming in from across the country, the United States and even Ireland after it was listed Feb. 6.

There were multiple offers on the property, prompting a bidding war that saw agents propose backup multiple offers if the accepted one fell through.

She said she couldn't reveal anything about the successful

+ RELOCATION

There were also many calls from people in the United States who were looking to relocate following the election of President Donald Trump, said Graves.

bidder, saying only that they are Canadian. She said much of the interest came from people

in the Vancouver and Toronto areas, who were feeling shut out of those cities' prohibitively expensive housing markets.

The interest in the property has also sparked some residual business for Graves, who has had people ask her to look into other properties in the area.

"A lot of those people are on a list for me to find a place for them in Nova Scotia — so there's an interest to come here, which is pretty cool," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winter storm proves deadly for fish farm

ENVIRONMENT

'Higher than expected' rate of loss after severe weather

A fish farm that was damaged following severe winter storms last month sustained a "higher than expected" mortality rate, says Nova Scotia's fisheries minister.

In an interview Monday, Fisheries Minister Keith Colwell said his department doesn't yet have the exact number of dead fish at the Cooke Aquaculture site in Shelburne Harbour.

He also said provincial testing had determined that none of the fish died of disease.

"They (Cooke) have been harvesting there since Christmas time and they've had no problem up until that big storm came," said Colwell.

He speculated that it was storm damage that led to the

fish kill, but said his department "really didn't know" at this time what caused the deaths.

"We couldn't find any scientific reason why they would have died," said Colwell.

A news release issued Feb. 24 reported the storm damage and the possibility some fish might have escaped as a result, but



We can't see anything yet that wasn't done properly.

Keith Colwell

there was no mention of dead fish by either the government or the company.

Colwell said investigations by the fisheries and environment departments in the aftermath of the initial reports from the company on Feb. 15 and 17 are continuing. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell admitted the cause of the fish deaths is as yet unknown. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

Halifax firm files marijuana lawsuit

A class action lawsuit has been filed against a New Brunswick medical marijuana producer after unapproved pesticides were found in its products.

Wagners Law Firm alleges roughly 2,000 people purchased cannabis products containing myclobutanil and bifenazate from Moncton's Organigram Inc. last year.

The Halifax-based law firm said both chemicals are considered toxic and do not have federal authorization for use on medical cannabis, and says users are worried about health effects.

It said Organigram recalled five lots of product in December and 69 lots in January before the company's organic certification was suspended.

But the company said in a Feb. 27 press release that its internal investigation into the pesticides was inconclusive, with no evidence "leading to the source of the contamination discovered."

The company said although its investigation was inconclusive, it has implemented new measures to prevent future issues, including testing every product lot for pesticides before being sold.

Wagners said the proposed representative plaintiff - writer Dawn Rae Downton - consumed the cannabis for nearly a year before learning she was exposing herself to banned pesticides.

The statement of claim alleges Organigram breached its contract with customers to provide a certified organic product free from unauthorized pesticides.



The product was not as it was billed.

Ray Wagner

Lawyer Ray Wagner said Organigram originally offered a refund to customers, but later reversed and offered credit for future purchases. The company has estimated the value of credits to be more than \$2 million.

Wagner said receiving credits for the products is not enough, especially since some customers do not intend to purchase Organigram products again.

"We want the return of the funds that people paid for the product," said Wagner Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Long, arduous journey to Canada

IMMIGRATION

Trek involves walking through a dense jungle near Panama

Many African asylum-seekers who end up in Canada face an arduous, months-long journey through thousands of kilometres of jungle, along back roads and over water in small wooden boats.

Stays in migrant camps along the way often culminate with a lengthy period in a U.S. immigration detention centre.

It's a modern underground railroad with organized networks of smugglers plotting paths through South and Central America to help — often for hefty fees — people fleeing Somalia, Ghana, Djibouti and other countries.

"The smugglers, right from Africa, they define the routes," said Francisco Rico-Martinez of the FCJ Refugee Centre in Toronto, a non-profit group that advocates for and provides support services to newcomers.

"They have contacts in Latin America and they define the



Eight migrants from Somalia, early Sunday morning on February 26, cross into Canada illegally from the U.S. by walking down this train track into the town of Emerson, Man., to seek asylum at Canada Border Services Agency. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

routes. And they change the routes depending on how (government) policies change."

Rico-Martinez recently visited Central America and saw the tide of migrants first-hand.

Mohammed, a 31-year-old refugee claimant from Ghana who did not want to reveal his last name, followed the underground railroad starting in July 2014. He flew to Brazil, then to

Ecuador. Some South American countries do not require visas for short-term visitors.

Heading to the southern continent makes for a long, dangerous journey on the ground afterward, but it's one of the few feasible starting points.

By bus and on foot, migrants follow a route north into their first big geographical hurdle — the Darien Gap on the border be-

tween Colombia and Panama. It's a dense jungle and has no roads.

Mohammed said he skirted the jungle by going up the coast in a boat. He was crammed into a small wooden craft with several others and covered with a tarp for a seven-hour trip in the darkness.

"The boat is not a safe boat. It's like a wood one with a small (engine) on the back," he recalled.

On the other side of the jungle, the Panamanian government provides a camp with food, shelter and medicine, Rico-Martinez said. Throughout Central America, migrants can travel relatively freely and can cover a lot of ground by bus — if they have money.

Nicaragua is an exception in that it has officially closed its border to migrants from outside the Central America region, Rico-Martinez said, but people are still managing to get in and then head through to Honduras.

Some three months after leaving Ecuador, Mohammed said, he finally arrived at the Mexico-U.S. border south of San Diego to claim asylum. He was promptly put in a detention centre for 10 months. He said his claim was denied and he moved to New York as the threat of deportation hung over his head.

He took a bus to Minneapolis and a cab to North Dakota, he said, and walked seven hours in the cold to the border community of Emerson-Franklin, Man. He walked into a hotel and slept on the hallway floor until a worker came by and called police.

It was more than two years after his journey started.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calculate cost of raising kids, advocates urge

No official estimate exists to guide public policy and help parents plan Canadian politicians champion middle-class families and pledge to end child poverty without knowing what it actually costs to raise a child in this country, says a new report being released Tuesday.

And it is time Ottawa invested in official estimates to guide public policy and help parents with planning, argues the report by Campaign 2000, a national coalition committed to ending child poverty across the country.

"Everyone who cares about the quality of life of Canada's children should be concerned about the cost of raising them because it is one of the key determinants of children's economic well-being," the report says. "The importance we place on this information demonstrates how our country values its families, its children and its future prospects," it says. "The services we provide to families hinge on the accuracy of these numbers."

Rebekka Unrau, 31, who works as an office administrator for a Montessori school, knows the cost of infant child care is as high as her rent. But she's not sure about the other costs she should expect.

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Revised ban leaves refugees confused

IMMIGRATION

Order gets rid of some more contentious aspects

It's been an emotional roller coaster for Mahmoud Mansour and his family, Syrian refugees tapped for possible resettlement to the United States, since President Donald Trump issued his first travel ban six weeks ago.

The original ban, which barred Syrian refugees from the U.S. until further notice, devastated Mansour's family of six, which has been undergoing security vetting ahead of resettlement for the past year.

The revised ban, signed by President Donald Trump without fanfare on Monday, no longer singles out displaced Syrians, but suspends the entire refugee program for four months to allow for a security review.

The order eliminates some of the most contentious aspects in an effort to surmount the court challenges that are sure to come. Trump's first order, issued just a week after his inauguration, was halted by federal courts.

The new one leaves Iraq off the list of banned countries — at the urging of U.S. military and diplomatic leaders — but still affects would-be visitors and immigrants from Iran, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen and Libya. It also makes clear that current visa holders will not be impacted, and it removes language that would give priority to religious minorities — a provision some interpreted as a way to help Christians get into the U.S. while excluding Muslims.

The changes underscore



Syrian refugee Mahmoud Mansour, 43, is shown in this photo, taken Monday in Amman, with his daughters Ruba and Sahar. Mansour, who has been undergoing vetting for resettlement to the U.S. for the past year, says he was devastated by Trump's ban. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the very different position the president finds himself in.

Five weeks ago, Trump dropped the first order with a bang, catching lawmakers and members of his administration by surprise. He signed the order in a high-profile ceremony at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes as Secretary of Defence James Mattis stood by.

This time around, the president skipped the usual public ceremony altogether. Instead, the administration chose to have Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Attorney General Jeff Sessions serve as the public faces of the rollout at a brief press announcement.

"I think today was about the implementation of it," said Press

Secretary Sean Spicer — at a briefing off camera.

Legal experts say the new order addresses some of the constitutional concerns raised by a federal appeals court about the initial ban but leaves room for more legal challenges.

"It's much clearer about how it doesn't apply to groups of immigrants with more clearly established constitutional rights," said University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck. "That's a really important step."

Mansour, an artisan who embroiders traditional dresses, said he is confused about what Trump's revised executive order means for his family's prospects in the U.S. "We hope that this new order will carry a glimmer of hope," he said in his small

apartment in Jordan's capital, Amman, which also doubles as his workshop.

Others in the family have been luckier.

Two older brothers, Ahmed and Suleiman, managed to reach the U.S. as part of the resettlement program. Ahmed travelled last year from Egypt, while Suleiman and his family reached the U.S. from Amman a day before Trump's inauguration.

"I am not lucky," said Mansour, adding that he and Suleiman had started the vetting procedures in Jordan roughly at the same time. The revised travel ban means prolonged uncertainty for Mansour, his wife and four daughters, ranging in age from three to 13. "I am powerless," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REACTION

New move not a big change, experts say



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Immigration experts and advocates are concerned the new Muslim ban signed on Monday will make life even harder for would-be refugees.

Donald Trump's Muslim Ban 2.0 halts refugee intake for 120 days and bans any U.S. visits from citizens of Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Libya and Yemen. It now exempts people from Iraq, as well as green-card holders and those who have permanent resident status.

"There is no moral way we can say that the U.S. is a safe country for refugees anymore," said Emily Gilbert, director of the Canadian Studies program at the University of Toronto.

"This executive order only reinforces the anti-Muslim

sentiment that we know exists in the U.S. and in Canada."

Canada should be concerned about a potential echo of that discourse, she warned. Some of the candidates in the Conservative party have expressed similar beliefs, and aggressive acts against religious minorities have taken place.

Trump's first Muslim ban prompted legal challenges and demonstrations across the globe, with many Canadian advocacy groups urging the federal government to repeal the Safe Third Country Agreement, which prevents people in the United States from claiming refugee status in Canada.

"We need the border open, because there's clearly no fair refugee system in the United States again," said Syed Hussan, a Toronto refugee advocate.

Aides defend Trump's wiretapping claims

White House officials on Monday defended President Donald Trump's explosive claim that Barack Obama tapped Trump's telephones during last year's election, although they won't say exactly where that information came from and left open the possibility that it isn't true.

The comments came even as FBI Director James Comey privately asked the Justice Department to dispute the claim because he believed the allegations were false. When asked whether Trump accepted Comey's view, White House Deputy Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told ABC's Good Morning America: "I don't think he does."

Sanders and Kellyanne Conway, another top adviser, said

the president still firmly believes the allegations he made on Twitter over the weekend. The aides said any ambiguity surrounding the issue is all the more reason for Congress to investigate the matter.

"We'd like to know for sure," Sanders said.

The House and Senate intelligence committees, and the FBI, are investigating contacts between Trump's campaign and Russian officials, as well as whether Moscow tried to influence the 2016 election.

On Sunday, Trump demanded that they broaden the scope of their inquiries to include Obama's potential abuse of executive powers.

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FRANCE

Conservatives candidate floundering

For France's conservatives, this year's presidential election should have been effortless.

Instead, the Republicans party — once all but certain to take back the Elysee Palace in 2017 — is in disarray over the corruption-tainted campaign of its candidate Francois Fillon. Riven by dissent as Fillon tenaciously clings to his bid, the conservatives are watching their presidential hopes sink by the day.

Far-right nationalists, meanwhile, are gearing up for what they hope is their Donald Trump moment, in which National Front leader Marine Le Pen proves the

pollsters wrong and harnesses the anti-immigration, anti-establishment sentiment percolating around Europe to capture a presidential victory.

In this prediction-defying French presidential campaign, anything could still happen between now and April 23, when the voting begins.

One thing is clear: The conservatives are in trouble. And no one is eager to take Fillon's place with less than seven weeks left to campaign.

Many conservatives had pinned their hopes on former Prime Minister Alain Juppe to

step in and save their party's chances — but on Monday he definitively rejected that poisoned chalice.

"It's too late," he told reporters, accusing Fillon, who beat him in the conservative primary, of leading the French right into a political "dead end."

"What a waste," Juppe said. "Last week I received many calls asking me to take over. They made me hesitate, I thought about it. Today, uniting everyone has become even more difficult ... I confirm, once and for all, that I will not bid to be the French president." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Designing for women

As long as there have been cities, there have been women. But that's not always obvious when looking at the pieces that make up urban life. From street names to transit transfer policies, the lives and needs of women are often overlooked. **On the eve of International Women's Day, six ways to make cities for all.**



1 Wider sidewalks

It must be said that many initiatives billed as making cities better for women are rooted in gender stereotypes, such as women pushing baby strollers. But, still, wider sidewalks help anyone with a stroller, wheelchair or walker move about more easily.

2 Brighter streets

The evidence isn't clear cut on whether brighter streets are safer, with some saying it enables criminals. But when it comes to preventing crime that disproportionately affects women, organizations including the UN have pushed for more light.

3 More washrooms

Equal, easy access to clean, well-equipped toilets (i.e. with garbage bins, and, hey, free tampons if you're feeling generous) is still out of reach in many cities, in both public and private buildings. Not to mention the scarcity of stalls at sports stadiums.

4 Flexible fares

Studies show men and women use transit differently, as women still take on most household chores, like school runs and groceries. This often means less straightforward trips. Time-based fares could lower the costs for those zig-zag trips.

5 Fair playgrounds

A study found that after age nine, little girls were crowded out of parks by boys, who more boldly claimed space. To address in a small way the systemic issue of men being socialized to be more assertive, planners made parks with more and varied play areas.

6 Stature on statues

With only one in five city statues in Toronto depicting women and similarly dismal numbers when it comes to park and street names across other Canadian cities, advocates have pushed in recent years to have equal representation.

WORD ON THE STREET by Brent Toderian

Semis, rowhouses the 'gentle' way to strengthen our cities



If you could be a fly on the wall in city planning departments lately, chances are you'd overhear a conversation about "gentle density." And the planners would look pretty stressed.

That's because most cities are struggling with significant housing challenges, and recognize their existing planning rules and approaches aren't going to solve them.

These difficult and complicated challenges include building more complete and resilient communities, addressing politically explosive debates about neighbourhood change, and improving affordability. There's also the challenge of preserving community "building blocks" like local schools and shopping as some neighbourhoods lose population, the debilitating cost of sprawl, and the clear connections between public health and building communities.

So what is gentle density, and what does it have to do with all that?

As I defined it back in 2007, gentle density is attached, ground-oriented housing that's more dense than a detached house, but with a similar scale and

character. Think duplexes, semi-detached homes, rowhouses, or even stacked townhouses.

In short, it's "gentle" because the actual impacts of adding such housing choices, if designed well, are minimal – although you wouldn't know that by the controversy that can be raised in some communities.

Many people don't mind sharing a common wall and are eager to cut their costs and carbon footprint, but still appreciate a direct relationship with the ground. That's why fellow urbanist Daniel Parolek in San Francisco calls this kind of density the "missing middle." In most cities this middle is under-represented, if it's there at all.

In some cases, this is

because builders need to learn (or re-learn) this kind of building. In others, land economics and land assembly make it tough sledding.

In most cities, though, deliberate zoning decisions have made this kind of housing illegal.

That's a problem, because from a planning perspective, there's nothing fundamentally incompatible about all sorts of gentle density co-habiting in a well-designed neighbourhood.

When we listen carefully, the opposition to such a mix usually isn't about planning principles – it's more often about politics fuelled by financial self-interest (the perceived impact on property values) and "not in my backyard" sentiments.

If we want to get serious

about addressing our big challenges, we need to seriously rethink how we discuss and address change in our communities. Ironically, gentle density could help strengthen and stabilize our neighbourhoods far better than trying to cast them in amber would.

Our cities and suburbs need more gentle density. Our stressed-out planning departments are struggling with how to do it well. Let's give them our encouragement and ideas.

Brent Toderian is an international city planner and urbanist with TODERIAN UrbanWORKS. He is also Vancouver's former chief planner and the president of the Council for Canadian Urbanism.

PUBLIC WORKS The week in urbanism



Small-town high line

St. Thomas, Ont., isn't known for its urbanist ways. But in August the town of 38,000 is poised to unveil Canada's first elevated park. The park, 25 metres above ground, replaces an old rail bridge that was going to be taken apart. New uses could include yoga classes, gardens and benches with nice views.

Cyclists gain suction

Cyclists, or possibly a lone cyclist, wanting better protected bike lanes in Wichita, Kansas, took matters into their own hands. Plungers with spray-painted handles and reflective tape appeared alongside the road, delighting the city's growing cycling community.

URBAN DICTIONARY Desire paths



DEFINITION The paths carved out with footprints when multiple people take a more convenient route through fields or other open spaces.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

After a fresh snowfall Luke followed the **desire paths** on campus created by previous students rushing to class.

CITY CHAMP

Toronto-based architect

A principal with ERA architects, Graeme Stewart's research on retrofitting Toronto's suburban high-rises has shaped the city's housing policies over the past decade.

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Adele officially announces that she and longtime partner Simon Konecki are married



The gender-affirming outlet

IDENTITY

Co-operative's online store offers advice and essentials



Ali Vanderkruyk
Metro | Toronto

For young trans and non-binary individuals seeking gender-affirming products, high price and lack of accessibility are a problem.

"Some of the most marginalized people in society also have the most expensive underwear," says Jack Lamon of the prosthetics, tools, and clothing that play a vital part in gender actualization.

Lamon is a worker-member of Come As You Are, a co-operatively owned sex shop, and GenderGear.ca, a separate online shop providing gender gear for trans folk.

Their anti-capitalist and feminist collective mission is to offer products and services that help people express and experience their sexuality, gender and orientation.

Lamon explains that the majority of the worker-owners at the CAYA sex shop are trans or gender queer: "We have always had a personal and professional interest in gender. But, because kids are coming out as trans at younger and younger ages, it was awkward to provide customer service to parents and service providers."



Staff and members of Come As You Are and GenderGear.ca (from left) Noah Kloeze, Meg Saxby, and Jack Lamon. "Some of the most marginalized people in society also have the most expensive underwear," says Lamon. COURTESY COME AS YOU ARE

The sexualized environment of the brick and mortar store (which closed its doors in 2016), did not specifically tend to the needs of people that were interested in confronting their gender dysphoria. The nature of the sex storefront had the potential to bar parents of trans youth and the website, which is an adult website, was firewalled to service providers like Children's Aid and the Toronto Board of Education.

"Sex and gender have nothing to do with each other: your gender does not determine your orientation, or what you may or may not like sexually," Lamon explains.

"People carry the perception that being trans is a sexual thing, but as much as reducing gender dysphoria may help you enjoy your sexuality more, being trans is not sexual identity, it is gender identity."

The CAYA co-op storefront in Toronto closed in 2016, and now runs as a website linked to GenderGear.ca while the collective figures out their next steps.

But the reality is, the website is what kept them alive. More people tend to be comfortable buying gender and sex products online because there is still a lot of apprehension in discussing private needs publicly.

GenderGear does not feel the need to market or promote their products. The gear is already expensive and they do

not want to be prescriptive or suggest that people "ought" to do things their way.

"The point was never really to sell products, it was to make sure products were available for people who needed them," says Lamon.

Ella Webber, a customer at CAYA, explains that because of the generous sharing of information within the LGBTQ2S community, many older trans individuals are actually learning from younger people about

the range and accessibility of products.

Before Webber's top surgery, they explained how they had "needed multiple binders: tight ones for when you want to look extra flat, and casual wear.

Without (access to) them, there are moments that can be so hard when you need something and can't have it."

+ KEY PRODUCTS

Binder: Flattener of breast tissues in order to create a male-appearing chest. \$40-45

Gaff: A device used to secure tucked male genitalia in place to make the area appear female. \$18-35

Packer: An object in one's clothes that suggests the presence of a penis. \$40-150

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Asher Faerstein, who has bought six binders to date, confirms that, "for a lot of young trans people who are in precarious financial situations, [the expense] is really inconvenient."

GenderGear provides a binder recycling program that makes used binders available for \$5. The website accommodates the necessary service of selling clothing that does not permanently change your body, but enables one to feel slightly more comfortable in their skin.

There is, however, a lot more work to be done in the fight for financially accessible gender-affirming products.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Essential viewing we don't even see

THE SHOW: Broadchurch, Season 3, Episode 1

THE MOMENT: What we don't see

Trish (Julie Hesmondhalgh) has been sexually assaulted. DS Ellie Miller (Olivia Colman) and DI Alec Hardy (David Tennant) have taken her to a dedicated sexual assault referral centre, where she's met by Anna (Andrea Hall), a crisis worker.

"I'm going to be with you all the time you're here," Anna says gently. "If you're feeling unsafe

or uncomfortable in any way, we will stop. Everything will be led by you."

Step by step, we see Trish's mouth swabbed, her clothes removed and bagged, her bruises photographed. The cops ask her a few questions but back off when she becomes upset. Finally she lies on an examining table.

We see a nurse remove a swab from a case. The camera cuts to Trish's hand squeezing Anna's and we hear her breathe sharply inward. Then we cut to the faces

of Miller and Hardy, outside the curtain, still bagging evidence. They hear Trish's shaky sob. They hear Anna say, "Nearly done." The camera stays on them as they struggle to keep their faces neutral.

This scene should be mandatory viewing not only for all cops, but also for all TV writers' rooms. We don't see the rape. We see the horrid aftermath. Trish is never sexualized. She's a middle-aged mom who's the victim of a violent crime.

With those three discreet elements — swab, hand-squeeze, breath — we are on the table with her. The cut to the cops' faces is not a relief; it's a reminder of their responsibility to care for this woman. To not exploit her.

Broadchurch airs Sundays at 10 p.m. on Showcase.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



The series picks up three years after the fallout of Danny Latimer's murder, as DI Alec Hardy (David Tennant) and DS Ellie Miller (Olivia Colman) investigate a serious sexual assault in the Dorset community. CONTRIBUTED

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Farrah Khan

Sexual violence support worker, educator, queer Muslim artist

How can feminism get people of different races and genders into the fold?

This march is not the beginning. Many people, including our elders and godmothers of the movement, have been fighting for a long time. It's not about getting people from marginalized communities into the fold but expanding what the fold is. It's creating space for different visions of what equity looks like. We need to be continually thinking about who is left out and who needs to be included. The movement needs intergenerational conversations, feminist godmothers, FEMtots that have institutional and movement memory so we're not reinventing the wheel but building on the amazing pathways and conversations that have come from our sisters before us. We need to share power.

Kate Chung

Toronto Raging Grannies
What did you make of the march?

Marches like this help build solidarity but I hope it's not all focused on the U.S. We're brainwashed here to think that Canada is so wonderful and we live in the best country in the world but, I'm sorry, there are still things to fix. This is not a perfect place and I see things sliding backwards. I'm old enough to remember the 1970s when we had hope that change was coming. Also, there's no such thing as just a women's issue. Climate, the future of this planet, justice, refugees, war and peace, homelessness — we're not just fighting for our own grandchildren but all grandchildren. To be a Granny, you don't have to be a certain age, a grandmother, or a mother. You just have to be a woman and have attitude. We need to recruit.

What does a feminist future look like?

After The Women's March on Washington in January, it seems we're riding yet another wave of the women's movement. But it is not without its issues. For International Women's Day, we looked to Canadian women for insight on the future of feminism, inclusivity and smashing patriarchy. Here's what they told us: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Clockwise from top left: Farrah Khan, Ing Wong Ward, Gwen Benaway, Septiembre Anderson, Uzma Jalaluddin, Kate Chung.

Uzma Jalaluddin

Writer, teacher, Toronto Star columnist

Did you march? What should happen now?

I didn't march but fully support the women who did. I think there's a sense that something very fundamental about American society is under attack right now and people feel it on a visceral, personal level. For me, as someone who is very visible, I understand so many people who are being placed, viewed and treated as outsiders. All the social justice movements, especially feminism, need compassion, empathy, understanding and tolerance. It would also be nice to see a wider variety of stories out there. I think that feminists need to read each other's stories.

Septiembre Anderson

Reluctant feminist and activist, journalist

How should feminism work to get folks of different races and genders on board?

It's important to understand and accept that we're working on the same issues but not together, that we're working as teammates but not necessarily on the same team. Our diversity is our strength. Men are a whole other thing and it's valuable for men to do their work where they are. They don't need to come into our group, they need to speak to other men. In the locker rooms where they're talking about grabbing women by the p--- — that's where their work is. To the men: Your work is with other men.

Ing Wong Ward

Associate Director for the Centre for Independent Living

What else does the movement need?

I do hope that the women who marched can take the power and goodwill they felt during that day and find ways to turn this into everyday resistance. Social movements aren't solely built on large, visible demonstrations. They're also built on the decisions individuals make to say they refuse to believe the status quo cannot change. The movement needs to be far more open to diversity and to find ways to share power with under-represented groups, including women with disabilities, who are too often rendered invisible. Part of this involves white, cis, straight, nondisabled women listening to women whose lives do not mirror their own, to hear what the feminist movement can do to be more inclusive. It involves hearing the experiences of minority women and actually listening to their critiques without becoming defensive. White women need to ask themselves, are they opening doors or creating barriers?

Gwen Benaway

Annishnabe/Métis trans poet

What does the movement need right now?

To really focus on intersectional feminism. It's time for us to move past divisiveness and embrace the strength, mission and perspectives of all women who are experiencing misogyny if we are going to really challenge and change things. There has been a fundamental rollback of our rights and equal access so we need to come together as diverse women and stand unified. (We have a) moment to leverage the unity of the moment and the strength of our unity. The way to do that is to call out men collectively, to call out misogyny. Our intersectional identities gives us a myriad ways to think and to act and respond to these forces.

TELEVISION

Toronto's housewives might be too real

Toronto the staid finally has a Real Housewives reality TV franchise. But should we care?

You won't find a Weston, a Thomson or a Rogers in the cast of The Real Housewives of Toronto, which debuts Tuesday at 10 p.m. ET on Slice.

The one rule of old money is to never, ever talk about money. But true to form, this phenomenally popular TV franchise is populated with nouveau riche social climbers who are not afraid to bring on the bling.

So you get "stars" such as Kara Alloway, the former beauty editor

of Homemakers magazine, saying, "When you have money and a fabulous life, lots of people want to be your friend." For "style entrepreneur" Roxy Earle, it's as simple as: "Why be a gold digger when you can own the gold?"

As for Joan Kelley Walker, who likes to tell viewers she has a bubble bath just about every single day, there is a reminder that her husband, Magna CEO Don Walker, "makes a lot of money."

Being crass is the currency of reality TV. The lives of these "housewives" are cartoonishly aspirational. It's where the num-

ber of Hermes Birkin bags and Louboutin stilettos you own become a kind of nuclear arms race in one-up-womanism.

That eye-catching formula, mixed in with plenty of petty rivalry has been ratings gold for the franchise.

It sets feminism back a thousand years but it is undeniably must-watch train-wreck TV at times. If one were to look at the decline of daytime soap operas and civilization in general, one could look no further than the Housewives franchise where scripted "reality" is far more in-

teresting and outlandish than anything on Days of Our Lives.

Since the very first Real Housewives show set in Orange County debuted in 2006, there have been numerous spinoffs and international versions, including Australia and an upcoming production for Bangkok. Now we have Toronto. Is this a good thing?

Producers are anxious to showcase an unabashedly aspirational side of the city. The women go to fancy Yorkville restaurants and stores, and host a facelift party at the Soho Metropolitan Hotel.

It feels forced. If the Toronto



The Real Housewives of Toronto (from left) are Gregoriana Minot, Joan Kelley Walker, Ann Kaplan Mulholland, Kara Alloway, Roxy Earle and Jana Webb. SUPPLIED

version of the Housewives is to survive it will likely have to amp up the rivalries. It would be ironic if it failed because the cast was

simply too nice to each other. No indication of that so far. But then, wouldn't that be appropriately Canadian? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Why strong is the new pretty



"I love the speed when I skate. I feel very alive and present—feeling fluid and going fast is fun."
Kekai, age 12



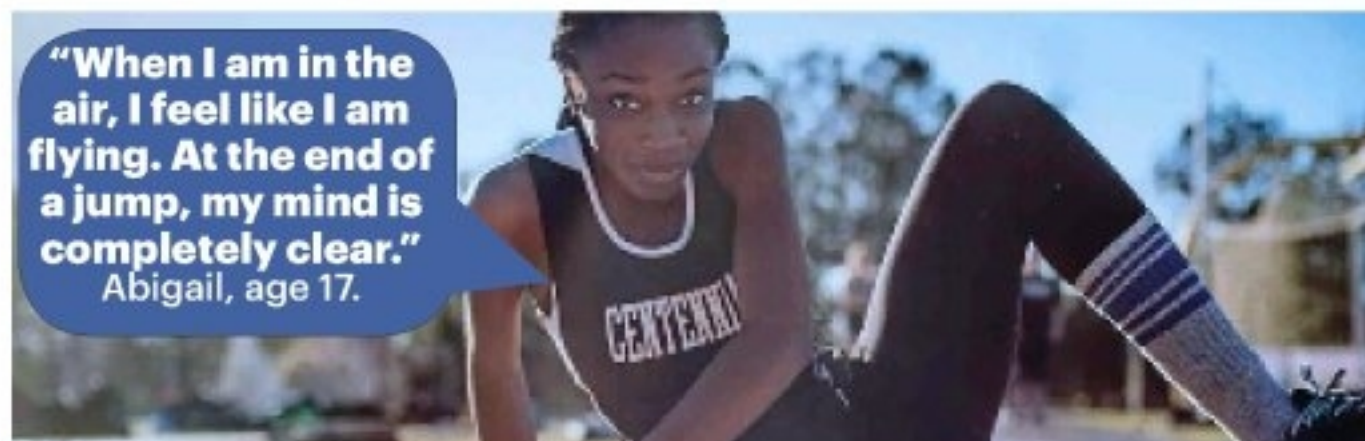
"I'm small, but I have a big voice and I know how to use it."
Ivy, age 9



"Strong is putting all your heart, mind, and effort into what you believe in. Your beauty will shine from this."
Jordan, age 15.



"If you're strong on the inside, it means nobody can break you down."
Carlie, age 12.



"When I am in the air, I feel like I am flying. At the end of a jump, my mind is completely clear."
Abigail, age 17.



"I never met a female firefighter before. Now, I know it's possible to be one."
Maddie, age 7.

PORTRAIT PROJECT

Book fights a message, toasts girls' strength in all its forms

Strong is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves is a new book by photographer Kate T. Parker featuring portraits of almost 200 girls from across North America.

Broken down into nine sections celebrating different forms of strength — confidence, resilience, creativity and fearlessness among them — Parker writes in the introduction that the seed for the book was planted while shooting everyday photos of her two daughters and their friends.

"The more I shot, the more I began to notice that the strongest images, the ones that resonated most with me, were the ones in which girls were being 100-per-cent themselves," Parker writes.

"I wanted to show my girls that beauty isn't about being a certain size, or having your hair done ... or wearing a fancy out-

fit. I wanted to combat the messages media sends to women every day. I wanted my girls to know that being themselves is beautiful and that being beautiful is about being strong."

As her project gained mo-



I wanted my girls to know that being themselves is beautiful.

Kate T. Parker

mentum online, Parker began travelling across the U.S. to photograph more and more girls, culminating in a collection of diverse portraits of young women with different dreams, passions and stories, but all united by a common theme — they are all, in their own ways, strong. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; KATE T. PARKER PHOTOGRAPHY USED WITH PERMISSION BY WORKMAN PUBLISHING

Strong is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves is available in Canada from Thomas Allen & Son starting March 7.

TEIGEN OPENS UP

Model's depression fight

Chrissy Teigen has revealed that she has battled postpartum depression since the birth of her daughter last year.

The former *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit model and singer John Legend welcomed a baby girl, Luna, in April. She writes in an essay for *Glamour* that she has been "unhappy" for much of the last year and discovered she was suffering from postpartum depression in December.

Teigen writes that she had difficulty after returning to work as a co-host of *Lip Sync Battle*. She says she is now taking an antidepressant for the depression and anxiety and is also in therapy.

Teigen says she's opening up now because she wants people to know postpartum depression "can happen to anybody."

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Snowbell Domestic Short Hair

Darling Snowbell is 7 years old with intriguing eyes: one blue, one yellow! Her family was no longer able to take care of her, and through no fault of her own, Snowbell finds herself needing to find a new home. She is an affectionate cat who loves to play with her toys, and likes to be picked up for a cuddle. She loves to be petted and brushed. She loves company, in fact does not enjoy being left alone. She would do well in a home with retirees or people who work at home, and she will likely get along with another cat.



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"This program is ideal for students who are seeking to work in a dynamic and rapidly evolving profession within the health care sector," says Emilie O'Regan Martens, practical nursing program manager/instructor.

"Graduates will be prepared to provide holistic care and support to individuals, families and communities in a variety of settings and will work as a valued member of collaborative health care teams."

There are three components of this program: theory, laboratory and clinical.

"The program's delivery model is both innovative and the first of its kind in Nova Scotia," says Martens.



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Students will have the option to complete the theoretical courses in one of Université Sainte-Anne's five campuses via a state-of-the-art video conferencing system and then practice their skills in the nursing skill lab in Halifax.

The clinical practicums will occur throughout Nova Scotia.

The graduates of this program will be eligible to write the national exam (Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination) and will also be eligible to apply for licensure with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia. The program requires its students to have a good knowledge of both official languages of Canada.

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able in this fast paced industry," says Maguire.

"The skills that are developed are also transferrable so that graduates are job-ready with confidence in their abilities."

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He says the benefit of this course is profound, as most people naturally desire to make a positive impact on people around them.

"Coaching is a natural tool to enhance that impact," says Brown.

"But beyond that, all of us need to be coached, but we also need to develop our



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The next program begins March 13, so there's no wait list and a seat has your name on it.

As part of the carpentry program, students are also trained in occupational health and safety regulations needed for job sites, such as fall protection, confined space, and open end frame scaffolding.



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CMC's instructors come direct from industry, are experts in their craft and passionate about their trades.

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Johnston is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, where she earned a B.A. and B.Ed. and has taught fundamental accounting for over 30 years.

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She is an expert of both fundamental

accounting and the emerging field of computerized accounting.

The accounting specialist program at MBC is designed for those who have a knack for numbers, pay attention to detail and enjoy a clear process — just like Johnston.

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Legend back as a coach

CURLING

Kevin Martin has helped guide son's team to Brier

You can excuse curling fans for doing a double-take at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Legendary skip Kevin Martin is sporting familiar Alberta colours at the national men's curling championship this week in St. John's, N.L. The 2010 Olympic champion is back at the Brier to coach his son Karrick and the provincial team skipped by Brendan Bottcher.

Instead of standing at the end of the sheet and throwing last stones, the former skip — who retired in 2014 — watches the action from his seat on the back bench.

"I hadn't been back to a Brier in any way since I retired," Martin said Monday. "To have the opportunity, you know coaching my son is a big deal ... it's neat. It's good to get back into it."

The event is a reunion of sorts for Martin, who has played with and against many of the curlers in the field. The four-time Brier champion won gold at the Vancouver Games with John Morris (now with B.C.), Ben Hebert and Marc Kennedy (now with Canada skip Kevin Koe).

Longtime opponents like Richard Hart and Glenn Howard of Ontario are also on hand along with veteran skip Brad



Canadian curling great Kevin Martin, centre, talks to his son Karrick Martin, right, and Darren Moulding of Team Alberta in St. John's, N.L., on Monday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Martin, who has stayed involved in the game with his curling broadcasting work, started coaching Bottcher's rink before the provincial play-downs and helped them earn their first Brier berth.

"He's been working with us quite a bit technically and tactically trying to get a few small tweaks here and there," Bottcher said. "I think the big-

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The number of times Kevin Martin has won the Brier.

gest thing he brings though is just the experience factor.

"He's the solid ground to come back to."

Bottcher's team of Karrick

at lead, third Darren Moulding and second Brad Thiessen had the unenviable task of playing local favourite Gushue in the round-robin opener Saturday before a rabid capacity crowd.

The Alberta rink played well in a losing effort before dropping two more games Sunday. Bottcher finally got into the win column Monday afternoon with a 7-2 victory over New Brunswick's Mike Kennedy.

In other early games, North-

ern Ontario's Brad Jacobs defeated Jamie Koe of the Northwest Territories 9-5. Quebec's Jean-Michel Menard beat Saskatchewan's Adam Casey 8-3 and Morris edged Nova Scotia's Jamie Murphy 4-3.

Manitoba's Mike McEwen and Canada's Kevin Koe were the only unbeaten rinks at 3-0 entering Draw 7 on Monday night. Bottcher was scheduled to meet McEwen on Monday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Israel upsets South Korea in opening game of WBC

Scott Burcham's run-scoring infield single in the 10th inning led Israel to a 2-1 upset win over South Korea on Monday in the World Baseball Classic opener.

With a victory over Taiwan on Tuesday night, Israel would be in good position to advance to the second round.

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Sandusky transferred to a medium-security prison

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky has been moved from a maximum-security prison to a medium-security facility in western Pennsylvania.

State prison officials say the 73-year-old was initially transferred because he was considered to be vulnerable given the nature of his child-sex abuse conviction, and his high profile. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Expansion team Golden Knights sign first player

The Vegas Golden Knights have signed forward Reid Duke, making him the first player ever to join the expansion NHL franchise.

Duke has been signed to a three-year entry-level contract.

The 21-year-old from Calgary has 35 goals and 32 assists in 54 games with the Western Hockey League's Brandon Wheat Kings this season.

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Blues hammer down top spot

PREMIER LEAGUE

Hazard, Costa net at West Ham to regain 10-point lead

Chelsea took a confident step closer to the Premier League title with goals from Eden Hazard and Diego Costa enough to sweep aside London rivals West Ham 2-1 Monday.

The result lifts Chelsea 10 points clear of second-placed Tottenham, with 11 games left. Chelsea manager Antonio Conte celebrated with away fans at the end of the match as they sang "we're going to win the league." The Italian, 47, is on course to win the title in his maiden season in English football.

"Up until now we have deserved to stay at the top of the table," Conte said. "But this league is tough until the end. It won't be easy. My players are showing me great commitment not only during the games, but during the week to work hard and to improve. I trust them."

After dominating the league leaders in the first quarter at the



Chelsea's Eden Hazard slots in past West Ham goalkeeper Darren Randolph and midfielder Pedro Obiang at London Stadium on Monday. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

London Stadium, West Ham was stung by a blistering counter-attack set up by N'Golo Kante's interception.

Chelsea's Hazard and Pedro then combined to devastating effect. Belgium midfielder Hazard surged forward from a blistering counter-attack and was on the end of a decisive one-two to score the opener in the 25th minute.

As Hazard slid to his knees to celebrate, a West Ham fan rushed onto the pitch toward the player, but stewards managed to inter-

"I can see them staying top with the quality they have."

Slaven Bilic

vene in time. Costa netted the second in the 50th as West Ham midfielder Pedro Obiang flicked Cesc Fabregas' corner straight to the Spain striker, who gratefully nudged in from close range.

It was Costa's 17th league goal this season. Manuel Lanzini notched West Ham's consolation in second-half injury time as West Ham fought to the end.

Lone striker Andy Carroll, returning from a groin injury, battled with a Chelsea defence which remained disciplined and resolute. West Ham manager Slaven Bilic said his team conceded cheap goals but praised Chelsea's performance.

"They look very serious and I can see them staying on top with

+ DIVISION TABLE

	W-D-L	GD	PTS
Chelsea	21-3-3	37	66
Tottenham	16-8-3	33	56
Man City	17-4-5	24	55
Liverpool	15-7-5	24	52
Arsenal	15-5-6	24	50
Man United	13-10-3	17	49
Everton	12-8-7	14	44
West Brom	11-7-9	2	40
Stoke City	9-8-10	-8	35
Sh'mpton	9-6-11	-2	33
West Ham	9-6-12	-10	33
Burnley	9-4-14	-10	31
Watford	8-7-12	-14	31
Bournemouth	7-6-14	-15	27
Leicester	7-6-14	-15	27
Swansea	8-3-16	-24	27
Crys. Palace	7-4-16	-11	25
Middlesbrough	4-10-13	-11	22
Hull City	5-6-16	-29	21
Sunderland	5-4-18	-26	19

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quality they have ... and most of all how physically in good shape they are," Bilic said.

Third-placed Manchester City is 11 points behind Chelsea but has a game in hand.

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SOCCER

Zlatan and Mings charged

Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Tyrone Mings have both been charged by the English Football Association for violent conduct.

Ibrahimovic elbowed Mings in the head moments after the defender appeared to step on the Swede's face late in the first half of Manchester United's 1-1 draw against Bournemouth on Saturday. Both incidents were not seen by referee Kevin Friend and went unpunished at the time.

Ibrahimovic faces the possibility of a three-match ban. The FA says it "has submitted a claim that the standard punishment that would otherwise apply for the misconduct committed by the Bournemouth defender (Mings) is 'clearly insufficient.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ibrahimovic and Mings clash
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Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 C. Prepare a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a food processor, mince garlic, then add the spinach, basil, Parmesan, oil and salt and pepper. Purée until smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl as necessary.

3. Lay the flatbread out onto the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle with a bit of olive oil. Spread the pesto across the top of the flatbread leaving a 1/2-inch border around the edges. Drop heaping tablespoons of the ricotta onto the pesto. Sprinkle with Asiago and sun-dried tomatoes

4. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the edges of the crust are golden brown and cheese is melted. Remove from oven and sprinkle with chopped basil.

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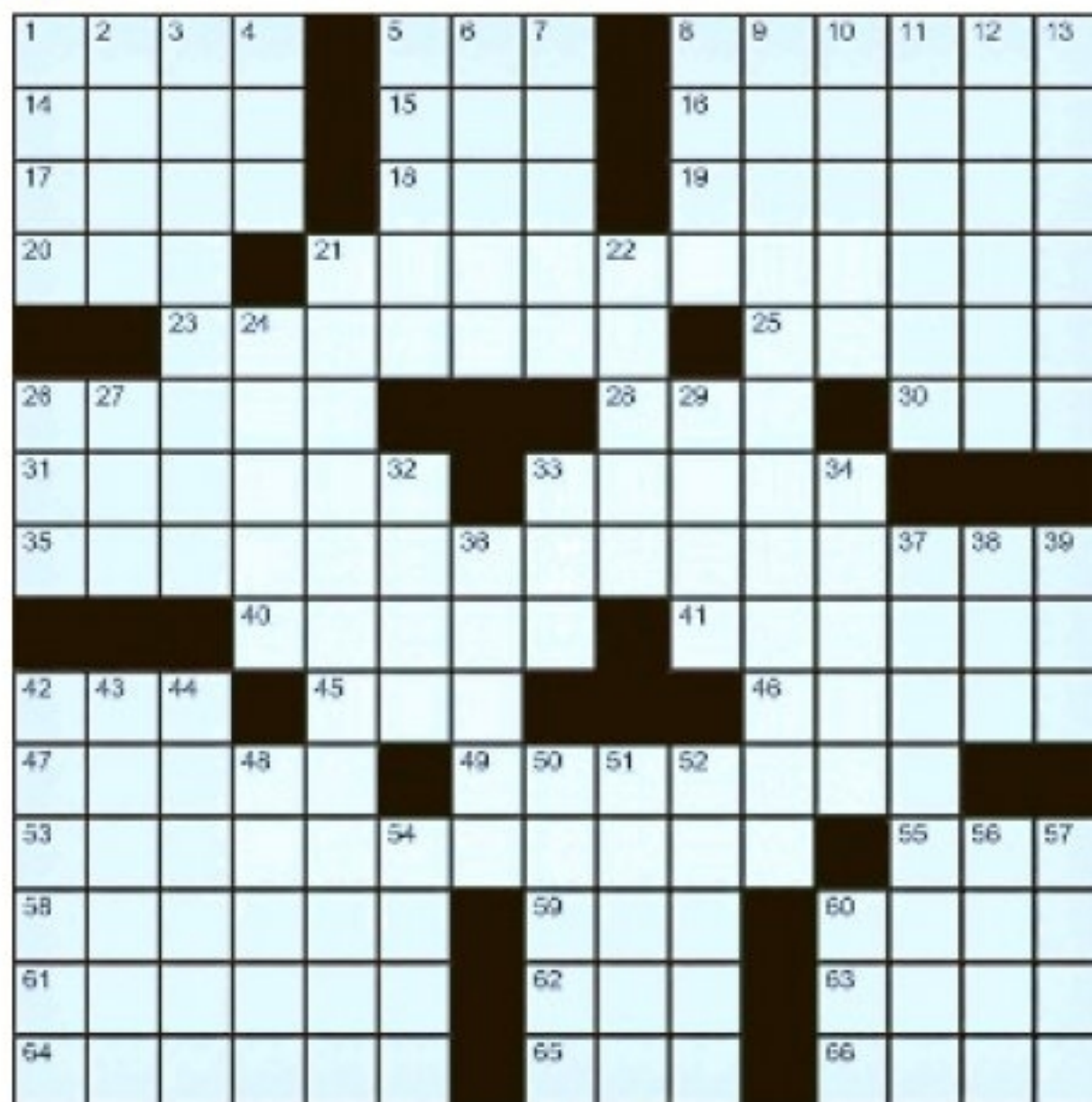
- 2 cloves garlic, quartered
- 2 cups baby spinach
- 1 cup basil leaves
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 large store bought flatbread
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- Chopped basil for garnish

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ACROSS

- Colosseum cloak
- Dining room feature, for short
- Meteorite _ site
- Street
- At-sea affirmation
- Ms. Mason of "The Goodbye Girl" (1977)
- Poet Mr. Pound
- Tiny tallness
- Lord's Prayer part: "..._ in heaven."
- Nourished
- Desired results of using hair rollers: 2 wds.
- "That camouflage isn't working!": 3 wds.
- Make _ (Do store business)
- "This _ Love Song" by Bon Jovi
- Driveway topping
- Initials-sharers of Naomi Watts's ex-beau who is an actor
- _ of spades
- Important exam
- "Sparkling" tavern item: 2 wds.
- Nose-in-the-air folks
- Buffalo's hockey players
- UK honour [acronym]
- Extremist org. in 1974 headlines
- "Hud" (1963) Oscar-winner Patricia, and surnamesakes
- "_ Me" by John Legend
- In particular
- Air-circulators-with-



- paddles: 2 wds.
- Certain conifer
- Eagles drummer/singer Don
- Prefix to "light"
- Ballet skirt
- Star: French
- "Abbey Road" tune: "The _"
- "_ fair in love..."

- Does an office task
- Hillary Clinton was a Sen. here
- Tropical vacation spot

DOWN

- Not kosher
- Bleed bit by bit
- Toronto's _ Expressway
- Halifax's famous madam Ms. McCallum (b.1909 - d.1986)
- Chevrolet SUV model
- "Snatch" (2000) directed _ Ritchie
- "_ _ man put asunder."
- "If _ be so bold as to..."
- They're used to help make lashes look lusher: 2 wds.
- Toyota hybrid car

- Stellar
- Freezes the food
- Cups, in Quebec City
- Historic House (Attraction in Charlottetown, PEI); or, Montreal suburb
- "Soul Meets Body" by Death Cab For _
- Wild guesses
- Flight tower serv.
- Smashing Pumpkins co-founder James
- Conjunctions
- Organic compound
- Alberta's Mc-Murray, et al.
- Record _
- Do _ up job
- Piled-up-with-food carriers
- Conger _
- Web feed syst. for updates
- Stockpiles
- "Baywatch" actress Yasmine
- "Sense and Sensibility" (1995) sister
- "Kukla, Fran and _"
- Frequently
- Like the hue of a lion's coat
- British novelist Ms. Bagnold's
- "The Science Guy" Bill, and surnamesakes
- "_ have to do."
- Ploy
- Mai _ (Cocktail)

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be patient with family members today to avoid squabbles and arguments. (This is not a good way to start your day — or anyone else's.) Be chill.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you can get past some tension this morning, the rest of the day will be quiet and comforting. In fact, you will want to cocoon at home if you can.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Money disputes or an argument about something you own might occur this morning. Try to move past it so that you can enjoy a busy day full of errands and fun.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
People are touchy this morning. Give them a wide berth. Later in the day, you will be focused on money and cash flow. Ka-ching!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This morning it's easy to be grumpy. However, soon the Moon moves into your sign, which gives you an advantage over everyone else. Enjoy your good fortune.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Avoid morning arguments with a female acquaintance. Later in the day, do some research or find some privacy, and enjoy being on your own.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You like to keep the peace. Therefore, avoid arguments in the morning, because the rest of the day is warm and friendly.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Steer clear of sensitive subjects like religion, politics and racial issues this morning. Later in the day, bosses, parents and VIPs will talk about you for some reason.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Disputes about shared property might arise this morning. Let these go, because what you really want to do is get out and have a change of scenery today. Do something different.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be patient with partners and close friends this morning. Later today, you might ponder how your values are different from the values of others. We are all unique.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign. This simply requires a little patience and cooperation. No biggie.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid disputes at work this morning. You don't need this! Later today, you will play and schmooze with others, as well as delight in sports or playful activities with children.

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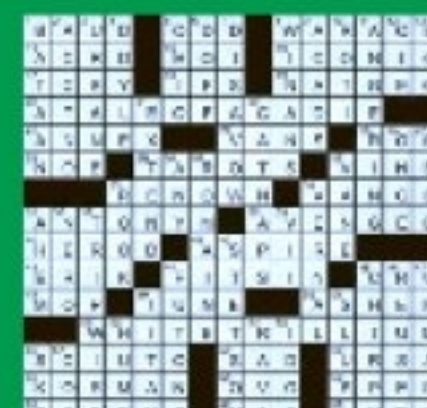
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